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For many years past the Salem Statesman has come regularly to The Astorian, and we have heretofore regarded it as a sincere newspaper, at all times aiming to advance the interests of Oregon.

But the Statesman has retrograded. In its issue of Thursday it contains an editorial entitled, "Astoria's Candidate," that is so glaringly unfair, so palpably unequal for and so strikingly dishonest that one can scarcely believe the Statesman responsible for it.

There is but one sentiment which actuates every Astorian. They are good people down there, but they will sacrifice everything else within the bounds of reason to whatever will further the interests of their town.

If the Columbia river were allowed to shoal from Portland to Astoria so that no deep sea vessel could come this side of that city, and a forty foot channel were maintained across the bar, it would necessitate the sending of all the immense business of the entire country by rail.

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In answer to all this Mr. Fulton says: "Have I not repeatedly declared my belief that the Columbia river should be opened to the sea?"

This is true, but how are we to know? There are Astoria's interests, which all point the other way, and so do all of Astoria's people.

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But Bowen is equal to the occasion. He has figured out a fair plan of reimbursing the creditors of Venezuela, but he will not permit of the disintegration of that republic, which has all along been assiduously sought.

A few days ago Miss Sadie Sharp (aged 14) of Portsmouth, a Portland suburb, mysteriously disappeared from her home during the absence of her parents, causing the much anguish.

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